WEDNESDAY, 25TH OF JUNE 2014

18:00–20:00 PUBLIC LECTURE IN GERMAN
Topoi Building Dahlem, Hittorfstraße 18, 14195 Berlin

Michaela Weszeli (Universität Wien, Austria): "Wassertransport in Mesopotamien in der Mittleren und Späten Bronze – sowie in der Eisenzeit" (Water Transport in Mesopotamia in the Middle and Late Bronze Ages and the Iron Age)

THURSDAY, 26TH OF JUNE 2014

WELCOME
Topoi Building Mitte, Hannoversche Str. 6, 10115 Berlin
9:00 Greetings and Introduction
David Warburton / Michael Meyer / Kerstin P. Hofmann

SESSION 1 – NATURE OF EMPIRES, ORIGINS OF STATES, TRADE SYSTEMS
Chair: Michael Meyer (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi)
9:15 Reinhard Bernbeck (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi): Empires
9:45 Gil Stein (University of Chicago, USA): Producing Income and Re-Producing Identity: The Long-Term Trajectory of a Mesopotamian Trade Diaspora in the 4th Millennium BC
10:15 Gojko Barjamovic (Harvard University, USA): The Rise of Globalization: Long-Distance Trade and State Development in Western Asia c. 3000-1500 BCE
10:45 Coffee break
11:15 Discussion

SESSION 2 – DETAILS OF EARLY TRADE SYSTEMS
Chair: Reinhard Bernbeck (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi)
11:30 Barbara Horejs (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, OREA): Networks and Identities in an Early Bronze Age Metallurgical Centre at Çukurçi Höyük in Western Anatolia
12:00 Agneta Wisti Lassen (Yale University, USA): Long-distance Trade and Identity: Cultural Encounters in Objects and Practice in Western Asia c. 2000-1500 BCE
12:30 Discussion
13:00 Lunch break

SESSION 3 – MEDITERRANEAN, AEGEAN, LEVANT, EGYPT
Chair: Kerstin P. Hofmann (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi)
14:00 Irene Nikolakopoulou (Archaeological Institute of Aegean Studies, Rhodes, Greece): Identities and Exchange in the Minoan and Mycenaean Worlds
14:30 Roxana Flammini (Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, CONICET): Economics, Political Practices and Identities on the Nile – Convergence and Conflicts at the End of the Second Intermediate Period
15:00 Helen Dawson (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi): Central or Marginal? Insularity and Interaction in the Central Mediterranean Bronze Age
15:30 Discussion
16:00 Coffee break

SESSION 4 – EUROPEAN EMPIRES
Chair: David Warburton (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi)
16:15 Michael Meyer / Stefan Schreiber (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi): Roman Imports in the Barbaricum: Economic Influences or Cultural Encounters?
16:45 Kai Grundmann (Freie Universität Berlin): Contested Borders, Contested Loyalties. The Ostrogothic Defense of the Hesperia
17:15 John Birdsell (University of Edinburgh / Leiden University): Variations on a Theme of Empire: Comparing Mediterranean Imperial Systems in the Longue Dist
17:45 Discussion

FRIDAY, 27TH OF JUNE 2014

SESSION 5 – MODELS
Chair: Andrew Gardner (University College London, UK)
10:00 Lin Foshall (University of Leicester, UK): Tracing Networks: Crafts, Knowledge and the Movement of Ideas in Antiquity
10:30 Rahul Oka (University of Notre Dame, USA): Changing Commerce and Merchant Power in the Indian Ocean: Impacts on Afro-Asian Core and Peripheral Polities, ca. 300 BCE – 1800 CE
11:00 Discussion
11:45 Lunch break

DISCUSSIONS
12:30 Discussion: World Systems and Networking
Chair: Helen Dawson (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi)
14:30 Coffee break
15:00 Discussion: Central Place and Central Flow; Markets
Chair: Daniel Knitter (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi)
19:00 Dinner

SATURDAY, 28TH OF JUNE 2014

DISCUSSIONS
10:00 Discussion: Borders (Temporal, Geographical, Ethnical, etc.)
Chair: Manuel Fernández-Götz (University of Edinburgh, UK)
12:00 Lunch break
12:30 Discussion: Comparing Anatolian Interaction with Interaction along the Limes in Germany / Europe
Chair: Michael Meyer (Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi)
14:30 Coffee break
14:45 Discussion: Trade
Chair: Gil Stein (University of Chicago, USA)
16:45 Coffee break
17:00 Closing discussion | Chair: The organizers